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UPDATE APPARATUS, MAP INFORMATION UPDATE  
SYSTEM AND CONTROL METHODS THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification, claims and abstract prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 3, 7 and 9 as follows:

2. (Amended) A map information update apparatus comprising:
- a communication control unit that connects via a digital mobile telephone system with a map display control apparatus, which controls a display device so as to display a map on the display device based upon map display data, to engage in exchange of digital data;